Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, 2,670 people died in home fires in the United States in 2002; and,

Whereas, There were 13 home fire deaths in South Dakota in 2002; and,

Whereas, Just having a smoke detector cuts your risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half; and,

Whereas, About one-third of the homes equipped with smoke detectors in the United States have detectors that are non-operational, most often due to dead or missing batteries; and,

Whereas, Minimum requirements for every home include at least one smoke detector on each level, and one outside each sleeping area; and,

Whereas, The fire services of South Dakota are dedicated to protecting our citizenry from the devastating effects of fire:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2003, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon the people of South Dakota to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to heed the 2003 theme: "When fire strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State